11. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and wherein the computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to first determine comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to determine when a toner level in the hard copy output engine has decreased below a toner low threshold.

12. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine.

13. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and the processor comprises an embedded web server and further comprising computer readable code configured to cause the embedded web server to perform the second determination and the second transmission.

14. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and the processor comprises an embedded web server and wherein the computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to first determine comprises computer readable code configured to cause the embedded web server to determine when a toner level in a hard copy output engine has decreased below a toner low threshold and wherein the computer readable code configured to cause the processor contained in the peripheral device to first transmit comprises computer readable code configured to cause the embedded web server to transmit the first email to a vendor web site across a firewall.

15. [Previously Presented] A computer implemented control system for a hard copy output engine, the system comprising:

memory configured to store a software module; and

processing circuitry configured to employ the software module to:

determine that an amount of a consumable associated with a peripheral device has decreased below a predetermined threshold;

transmit an email from the peripheral device to order additional supplies of the consumable; and

wherein the processing circuitry is configured to transmit the email to a personal computer associated with the peripheral device for retransmission from the personal computer to a vendor web site across a firewall.

16. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to employ the software module to:

determine that an amount of a consumable associated with the peripheral device has decreased below a predetermined threshold; and

transmit an email from the peripheral device to order additional supplies of the consumable.

17. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and wherein the processing circuitry and memory together comprise an embedded web server, and the embedded web server is further configured to:

determine when a toner level in the hard copy output engine has decreased below a toner low threshold; and

transmit an email across a firewall to a vendor web site to order additional toner in response to determining.

18. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the peripheral device comprises a hard copy output engine and wherein the processing circuitry and memory together comprise an embedded web server, and the embedded web server is configured to perform the determination and the transmission.

19. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the peripheral device is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers and wherein the processing circuitry and memory together comprise an embedded web server.

20. [Original] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to employ the software module to:

determine when a predetermined work threshold has been reached; and

transmit an email to request periodic service in response to reaching the predetermined work threshold.

21. [Canceled].

22. [Canceled].

23. [Canceled].

24. [Canceled].

25. [Canceled].

26. [Canceled].

27. [Canceled].

28. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first transmitting comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral device to a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

29. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second transmitting the email comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral device to a provider that performs the periodic service.

30. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 7, wherein the vendor web site comprises a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

31. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first transmitting comprises transmitting responsive to the first determining.

32. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 31, wherein the first transmitting comprises transmitting the email directly from the peripheral device to a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

33. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the first transmitting is initiated using the processor within the peripheral device.

34. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to transmit the email responsive to the determination.

35. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of claim 34, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to initiate direct communication of the email to a vendor of the supplies of the consumable.

36. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold comprising a predetermined number of sheets printed by the hard copy output engine has been reached.

37. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold comprising a predetermined length of time has been reached.

38. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold comprising a predetermined number of sheets printed by the peripheral device has been reached.

39. [Previously Presented] The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the second determining comprises determining when the predetermined work threshold comprising a predetermined length of time has been reached.

40. [Previously Presented] The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the peripheral device and the personal computer are within a side of the firewall opposite to a side of the vendor.